

Beautiful Seasons on Mars: Like Earth, Mars has seasons because it is tilted on its axis. Images show the seasonal changes in the Martian Arctic around NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander's landing site at 68 degrees N latitude, 234 degrees E longitude. The polygonal (cracked appearance) terrain results from this seasonal freezing and thawing.



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